



## Employment Outreach Notice U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service

Pacific Northwest Research Station Resource Monitoring and Assessment Program

### **GS-0462-05/06 Prefield Forestry Technician Forest Inventory and Analysis**

**Portland, OR**

**PLEASE REPLY by August 12, 2016**

#### **About the position...**

This is a permanent seasonal position, consisting of 18 pay periods of full time work and 8 pay periods of non-pay status per year. Appointee may be offered the opportunity to work longer depending on workload and funding. This position is a career ladder with the full performance level at a GS-06.

This position is with the Data Collection Team of the PNW Research Station's Resource Monitoring and Assessment (RMA) Program, Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) unit. The FIA unit is part of a nationwide program which collects, processes, analyzes, evaluates, and publishes comprehensive information on forest and other related renewable resources. Administration for the Data Collection team is located in Portland, Oregon and field crews are remotely stationed throughout Washington, Oregon and California. This position supports the field staff by preparing forest inventory plot materials.

The Prefield Forestry Technician is responsible for tracking, filing, and maintaining over 35,000 forest inventory field plot files. This position researches, assembles and prepares materials for field research work by using databases of historical information and by creating aerial images and maps using ArcGIS software. The incumbent will review plot information for land conditions and interpret land conditions using aerial imagery. This position also assists in the coordination and maintenance of the National Ownership Management database, including data input, record keeping, data retrieval, and correspondence.

This position is nonsupervisory and works under the direct supervision of the Prefield Coordinator.



## **We are looking for an individual who:**

- Has knowledge of forest sampling methods and recording procedures.
- Has the ability to assess land use and forest conditions using aerial imagery.
- Has knowledge of database software to enter, query, and manage data.
- Has knowledge of ArcGIS software to generate aerial imagery and maps.
- Has knowledge of computer applications and technology to produce correspondence, reports, and spreadsheets.
- Has the ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing in order to coordinate work and to write reports that accurately describe on-the-ground conditions.

## **Duty Station information:**

The city of Portland is located in northwestern Oregon, bordering Vancouver, Washington. The major highways intersecting the city are I-5, I84, and US-26. According to the 2010 Census, it had a population of 583,776, estimated to have reached 609,456 in 2013, making it the 29th most populous city in the United States and the third most populous city in the Pacific Northwest region. Approximately 2,314,554 people live in the Portland metropolitan area (MSA), the 19th most populous MSA in the United States.

Portland is a full service community with various and numerous businesses, banking, restaurants, theaters and entertainment, festival, denominations of churches, health care and educational facilities. The downtown area is complete with an open air plaza and offers a world-class public transportation system. Commuting is easy, whether it be by public transportation system, car or bike.

Portland is one of the country's most livable cities. It is known as the "Rose City" and world-renowned for its annual Rose Festival. Portland is recognized for its effervescent arts community and for the dozens of urban parks and green spaces. The city is divided between the east and the west by the Willamette River, and divided from the state of Washington by the Columbia River. Within a few minutes' drive of metropolitan downtown Portland are farms and orchards, kayak-friendly waterway, wildlife preserves and the foothills of Mount Hood. The breath-taking Oregon Coast, the Cascade Mountain Range, the Columbia River Gorge, Mt. St. Helens, and the high desert of central Oregon are only 1 to 3 hours away. Portland is the main hub for various outdoor activities including biking, running, boating, camping, fishing, hiking, hunting, mountaineering, river rafting, water and snow skiing, wind and kite sailing and much more. Portland's professional sports teams include the Trail Blazers basketball team and Portland Timbers soccer team.

For more information about Portland, Oregon, visit the following websites:

<http://www.portlandoregon.gov/>, [www.travelportland.com/visitors/](http://www.travelportland.com/visitors/)

## **IF YOU'RE INTERESTED...**

If you are interested in the Prefield Forestry Technician position with Pacific Northwest Research Station, in Portland, Oregon, please use the attached response form to express your interest by **August 12, 2016** and you will be notified when the position is advertised. **To be considered for this position without competition, please also include your resume.**

You can send your response electronically to: [mhpatterson@fs.fed.us](mailto:mhpatterson@fs.fed.us) (please use the subject line "Prefield Forestry Tech").

Please visit our team's website for more information, including an information page on how to join our team! <http://www.fs.fed.us/pnw/rma/fia-topics/data-collection/>

For more information about the duties and work conditions of this position, please contact: Melissa Patterson, Prefield Coordinator at [mhpatterson@fs.fed.us](mailto:mhpatterson@fs.fed.us), or 620 SW Main St, Ste. 400 Portland, OR 97205.

This is a pre-announcement, though responses may be considered for selection without competition. When the position is advertised, the announcement will be posted on the Office of Personnel Management web site: <http://www.usajobs.gov>. The announcement will contain all of the information you need to apply for the position.

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PLEASE NOTE: The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential applicant pool for this position and to establish the appropriate recruitment method and area of consideration for the advertisement. Responses received from this outreach notice will be used to make this determination. The vacancy announcement for this position, when open, will be posted at the USA Jobs website, the U.S. Government's official site for jobs and employment information: <http://www.usajobs.gov/>.



**OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM**  
**Prefield Forestry Technician GS-462-05/06**  
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PNW Research Station, Resource Monitoring and Assessment Program

Please complete this form, **include your resume**, and submit to [mhpatterson@fs.fed.us](mailto:mhpatterson@fs.fed.us)

**PLEASE REPLY by August 12, 2016**

NAME:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

MAILING ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

**If you are currently employed by the Federal Government:**

WHAT AGENCY ARE YOU EMPLOYED BY:

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: PERMANENT\_\_\_\_TEMPORARY\_\_\_\_TERM\_\_\_\_OTHER (describe)\_\_\_\_\_

**If employed by the Forest Service:**

WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT/STATION?

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE:

CURRENT POSITION TITLE:

**If you are not currently a Federal Employee:**

CURRENT EMPLOYER:

CURRENT POSITION TITLE AND SALARY:

**Are you eligible for appointment under any of the following special authorities?**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Former Peace Corps                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran's Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Person with Disabilities                | <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran's Recruitment Appointment              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Intern Program                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement Eligibility                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran with 30% Compensable Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Other_____                                     |

Thank you for your interest in our vacancies.